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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC §119 and 37 CFR §1.55, Applicants hereby
claim the right of priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-048933,
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